

Remarks

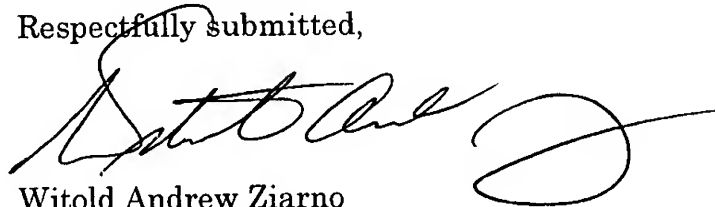
The Examiner stated that claim 6 would be in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 6 so that it is rewritten in independent form. Applicant has canceled the remaining claims without prejudice for presentation in a divisional case at the Applicant's election. Applicant desires to expedite issuance of claim 6 and continue with the prosecution of the remainder of the claims in a subsequent patent application.

The Examiner has further requested that Applicant resubmit the IDS filed on September 17, 2003. Applicant shall supplement this Amendment with this material shortly.

Conclusion

Should any issues remain, Applicant requests an interview with the Examiner. Applicant's representative can be reached at 1-215-619-5548 to schedule the interview if needed. Additional fees should be credit or debited to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Witold Ziarno', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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